



ABORIGINAL  
CORPORATION

# ANNUAL REPORT

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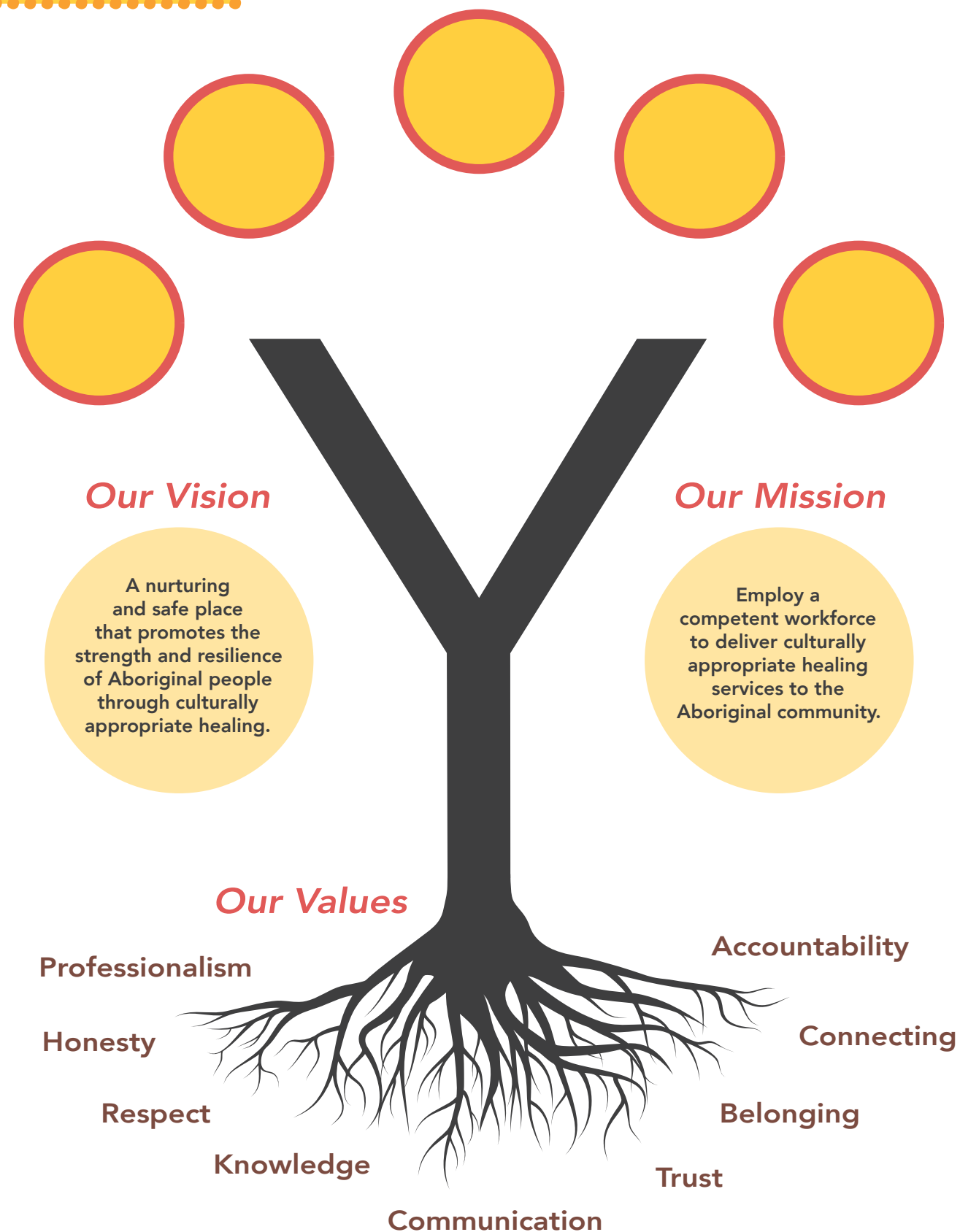
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## ABOUT US



At Yorgum we base our services on the life sustaining image of the living tree... The shelter and sustenance it gives to different forms of life... its deep roots, its rising sap, its blossoming flowers...



## THE STORY SO FAR

Meeting of 18 Aboriginal women at Anawim Women's Refuge



Staff at Aberdeen Street, Northbridge



Yorgum counsellors at First Sorry Day Event held in Perth



**1994**

Yorgum Aboriginal Counselling Service established at Sister Kate's with volunteers who graduated from the counselling course

**1993**

Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation for Women incorporated

**1991**

Vision established by group of Aboriginal women

2-year Aboriginal counselling course began funded by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission

**1987**

Royal Commission into Black Deaths in Custody

**1994**

Native Title Act becomes law

**1995**

Royal Commission into Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families

**1996**

Name change to Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation to enable support for men

Administrative cost assistance from World Vision

**2000**

Yorgum moved to a property in Aberdeen Street, Northbridge

Rapid growth in demand for counselling after the move

**1997**

Department of Children and Families funding for sexual abuse counselling

**1997**

Bringing Them Home Report issued

**1998**

First National Sorry Day

**2002**

Jade Maddox commences

**2005**

Yorgum relocated to Wittenoom Street, East Perth

**2006**

Link-Up Program begins, funded by Office of Aboriginal Health

**2008**

Apology to the Stolen Generations  
Closing the Gap targets established

**2012**

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse started

**2017**

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse published

Uluru statement from the Heart

20th Anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report

**2018**

100th Anniversary of Moore River Mission

10th Anniversary of the Apology

**2015**

Yorgum secures Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding through the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for Link-Up, Workforce Support Unit and Indigenous Family Safety Service

**2014**

Laurel Sellers joins as CEO

**2008**

Yorgum provided counselling support at the Sorry Day Event in Perth

First Research Officer appointed for Link-Up

Building refurbished to allow for clinical rooms and service delivery for clients

**2009**

Workforce Support Unit established across Australia funded by the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

**2011**

Yorgum celebrates its 20th Anniversary

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

I am a Nyoongar man from the Great Southern area and grew up in Katanning. My Dad was a white Australian farmer who met my Mum when she was living on the Carollup Native Reserve. My maternal Grandfather was from Goren country near Bremer Bay and my Grandmother was from Wudjarri country. I have lived all of my adult life in Perth, with my wife, my children and now my grandchildren.

I started out as a farm labourer but went into the public service, working in the Aboriginal Study Scheme for many years. After that, I became involved in Aboriginal services for people struggling with alcohol and other drug challenges; now I help the Mental Health Commission with the Strong Spirit, Strong Minds program. I was really pleased to join the Yorgum Board about 3 years ago.

I want to thank my colleagues on the Board – Lennett Sandy (Secretary), Dawn Wallam (Treasurer) and Norma Morrison for their dedication and commitment to Yorgum.

I also want to thank Laurel Sellers, our Chief Executive Officer, who has brought such clear leadership to Yorgum over the last 5 years and Yorgum is now thriving.

**"Yorgum is now providing the services that the Aboriginal community want and need, delivered by good quality staff and programmes"**

We are still making improvements of course, including building our organisational capacity to respond to the new service areas that started this financial year. The Board believes the organisation now has more stability, with good managers in place who are clear about their accountabilities. We are confident Yorgum is providing competitive packages and job security for all our staff, and we appropriately support them and their families. The Board would like to thank all Yorgum staff, who display strength and dedication in their attitudes to their work.

The Board is confident that our funding is being spent in the right areas and our financial outlook is clear. We are in the process of refreshing our strategic direction for 2020 and beyond.

Yorgum will continue to offer a range of services that deal with the impacts of historical trauma and address the underlying causes and issues, as opposed to simply treating the symptoms. We are also considering additional service areas that fit with our existing programmes and organisational capabilities. We are always looking to work collaboratively with a range of partners whose aims and values align with those of Yorgum.

**"Yorgum is an organisation that supports the Aboriginal community with a range of healing services, discretely and without needing to be in the spotlight"**

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Flugge

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

I am proud to be part of the Nyoongar nation, born on my Grandmother's country of Wagyl Kaip at Katanning. I also have extensive family connections in the Pilbara and other regions of Western Australia (WA).

I have been leading Yorgum as Chief Executive Officer since 2014. Prior to that I worked in the government sector for over 20 years at both State and Commonwealth levels. I managed many key Aboriginal programs and projects across WA related to housing and community development. I later managed the Aboriginal Visitor's Scheme for the WA Department of Corrective Services.

### People

This year you will see that Yorgum's Annual Report deliberately features some of Yorgum's people, as well as our services, as we want to share with you more about who we are and what we bring to our work. Yorgum employs 46 staff, most of whom are Aboriginal. We really value our staff, who are dedicated to their work and many remain with Yorgum for years – having the right people is key to our success.

**"I really admire our staff – this is not an easy space to work in"**

### Services

In 2018 - 2019, we grew the scope and reach of Yorgum's services to include support for families involved with the child protection system (Intensive Family Support Service or IFSS) and support for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse who wish to access the National Redress Scheme (Redress Support Service). Yorgum continues to support Stolen Generations survivors and their families from across WA with their healing journeys (Link-Up Service). Our ongoing services also assist children, young people and their families who are struggling with child sexual abuse and/or family domestic violence (Indigenous Healing Service and Indigenous Family Safety Service) and other issues affecting their social and emotional wellbeing (SEWB) (Building Solid Families). Yorgum's services are funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments.

Our services are always client-centred, culturally secure, trauma-informed and work within an Aboriginal Family Worldview. We have embedded the use of Yorgum's Aboriginal worldview representation in our IFSS and will be strengthening its use across all our services in future as a means to assess clients' strengths and areas where they need support. Our aim is to help individuals and families heal, so they become stronger and more resilient.

**"Yorgum's business is healing; our focus is people"**



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### Acknowledgements

I extend my deep thanks to the Board of Directors for their ongoing leadership and support, to our hard working and committed managers and to our dedicated staff who continue to deliver culturally appropriate healing services to the Aboriginal community. I also thank Yorgum's funders and strategic partners for their belief and investment in the important work that we do.

### Our Partners

Yorgum has partnered with a range of organisations with complementary capabilities, who share our values and also operate a culturally secure, trauma-informed practice.

**Anglicare WA** is our partner in the Great Southern and Goldfields to support Yorgum who were successful as the lead agency to win the tender for the Intensive Family Support Service (IFSS) which is a universal program.



Yorgum is the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) partner with two lead agencies of Family Support Networks (FSNs): **MercyCare Community Services** for the Mirrabooka/Joondalup area and **Communicare** for the Rockingham/Fremantle area. Both the IFSS and FSNs form part of the Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Support) suite of services to redirect children and families away from the child protection system as much as possible.



Yorgum partnered with **Wanslea Family Services** in their program, Towards Independent Adulthood (TIA) Trial in WA.



## OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



## OUR MOB

### Organisation

Yorgum introduced a Family Support Services area in 2018 - 2019. Clinical Services now encompasses Yorgum's specialist healing services, while Family Support Services offers more holistic healing, support and advocacy.

80%

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Staff**



**36 Women and 10 Men**

### Professional Development

Yorgum's most valuable asset remains its people, so developing and supporting staff to provide professional, culturally and trauma-informed services is a priority. We continuously improve the way we work with clients and support staff both professionally and personally, through training, supervision and peer support. In 2018 - 2019, we continued to offer a range of professional development opportunities to our staff.

## Service Staff Training

Cultural Awareness and Understanding

Culturally Safe Trauma Informed Practice Training

Working with Complex Trauma

We Al-li Culturally Informed Trauma Integrated Healing Approach

Marumali Journey of Healing

Narrative Therapy

Flower Essence Therapy

Certificate IV in Mental Health

Safe and Together Model CORE Training

## CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate Services encompasses all the support services that enable Yorgum to operate, including funding, finance, property, projects, people, quality standards, compliance, risk management, health and safety and reporting. Our Corporate Services have been managed by Dion Storey since 2018.

### Highlights:

- We have continued to improve our client and external stakeholder communications through Facebook, providing relevant content that promotes self-care, wellbeing, Aboriginal culture and information. Our page following has grown from 1,000 to over 3,100 in the last year.
- Within this financial reporting period we have opened new offices in Kalgoorlie and Albany to facilitate the delivery of our Intensive Family Support Services. We have ensured that all our offices are welcoming to our clients and feel culturally safe.
- Yorgum has been accredited with the QIC Health and Community Services Standards since 2014. We have maintained this accreditation and encourage staff to provide input to quality initiatives.
- We have streamlined our onboarding and human resource systems to provide better transparency, governance, reporting and employee empowerment.

### Dion Storey (Corporate Services Manager)

"I am proud to work on Whadjuk country and for Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation. I have worked in government and human services for the past 20 years, splitting my time between the Pilbara and Perth. I have worked for 3 different ACCOs, including Yorgum.

I am passionate about strong governance and empowered workforces. I feel Yorgum is really fortunate to have a dedicated Board and senior management team who strive for positive change. We are also blessed with staff diversity; I respect and appreciate all colleagues in Yorgum for what they achieve.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Corporate Services Team for providing high quality services and building a strong and sustainable organisation."



## WHAT WE DO

Yorgum offers all Indigenous people and their families autonomous, community-based healing, counselling, support and advocacy services that are client-centred, culturally secure, trauma-informed and work within an Aboriginal Family Worldview.



**Link-Up** supports Stolen Generations survivors and their families (including foster and adopted families) affected by past governments' removal policies, to find and reunite with their families where possible and deliver culturally appropriate healing services where required.



**Indigenous Healing Service** provides culturally secure healing, counselling, therapy and support to help children, young people and adults recover from child sexual abuse and/or family and domestic violence, and assist families and communities to support children, young people and adults in their healing process in the Perth metropolitan region.



**Redress Support Service** provides timely and seamless access to trauma-informed and culturally appropriate community-based support services for Indigenous Australians in the Perth metropolitan region to engage with the National Redress Scheme (formerly Royal Commission Community-Based Support Services).



**Building Solid Families** provides SEWB services including culturally secure information, support and advice to Aboriginal communities particularly those affected by trauma, grief and loss, mental health challenges and at risk of self-harm in the Perth metropolitan region.



**Indigenous Family Safety Service** provides an integrated service to Indigenous families, particularly vulnerable and disadvantaged families, to improve child wellbeing and development, safety and family functioning, and to help build stronger, more resilient families and communities in the Perth metropolitan region.



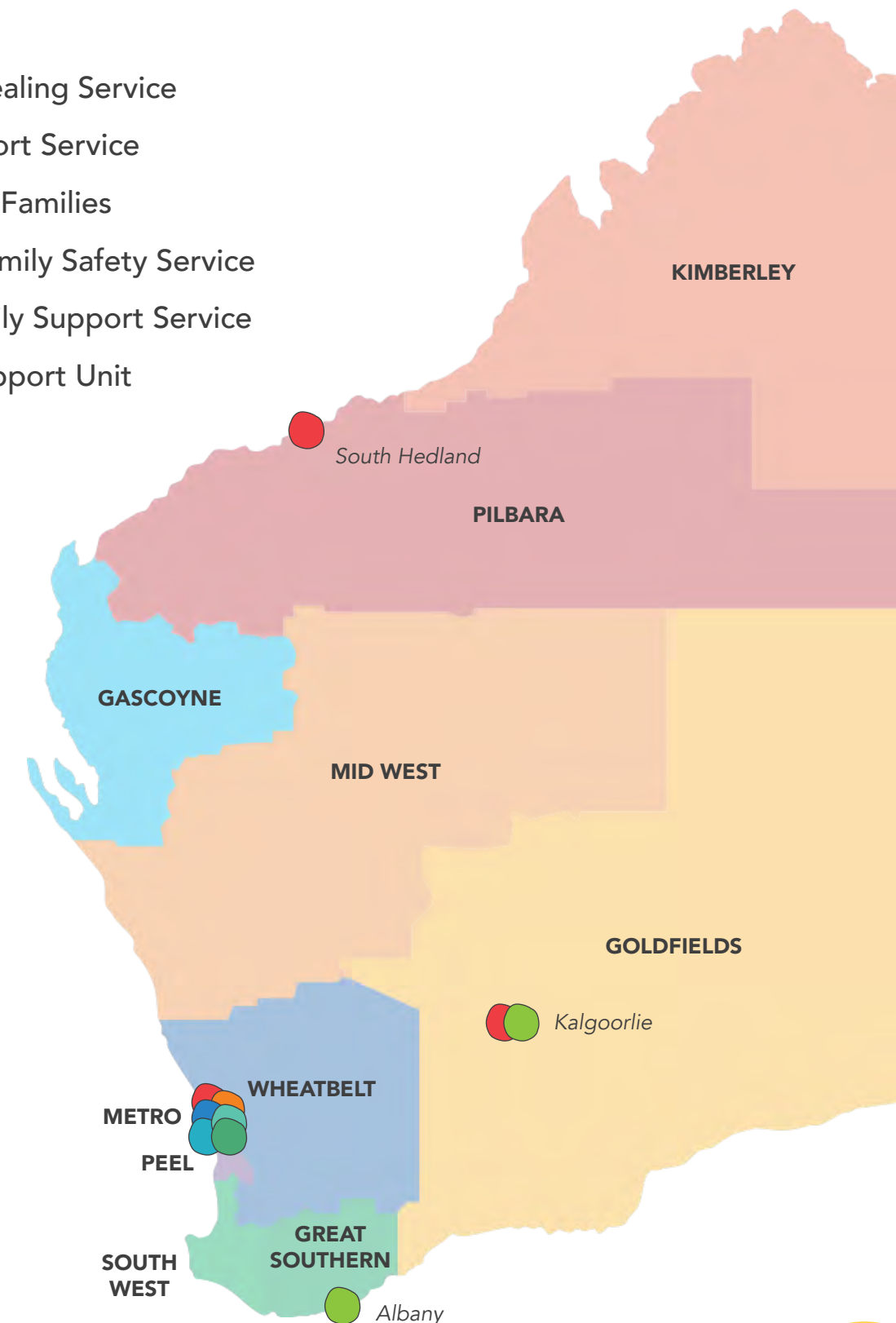
**Intensive Family Support Service** provides intensive in-home practical support to parents and families who are referred by the Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Support) to enhance the safety of their children so they can remain safe at home. The service also supports families who are working through a reunification process in the Great Southern and Goldfields regions.



**Workforce Support Unit (WSU)** provides professional and cultural, learning and development support to staff who work in SEWB programs funded by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Our WSU Officers are Perth-based but connect to workers across the State, through teleconferences, email and an annual forum.

## WHERE WE WORK

- Link-Up
- Indigenous Healing Service
- Redress Support Service
- Building Solid Families
- Indigenous Family Safety Service
- Intensive Family Support Service
- Workforce Support Unit





## LINK-UP



### Purpose

Support Stolen Generations survivors and their families (including foster and adopted families) affected by past governments' removal policies, to find and reunite with their families where possible and deliver culturally appropriate healing services where required.

### Why This Service

Stolen Generations survivors are impacted by the trauma of dispossession, separation of families, ongoing social disadvantage, racism and other historical, social and cultural issues that impact on their social and emotional wellbeing. WA has the second highest number and percentage of survivors (around 4,600, or 22%) and had the highest rate of removal (24%) in Australia\*. WA has the highest representation of direct descendants of survivors (20,740 or 46% of Aboriginal people)\*. Many survivors are now dealing with problems of ageing, unresolved trauma and family issues.

\*Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People & Descendants, AIHW 2018

### Who's Involved

#### Service Users

Stolen Generations survivors and their families

#### Yorgum Staff

Team Leaders  
Admin Assistant  
Caseworkers  
Counsellors  
Researchers

#### Funders



Australian Government  
Department of the  
Prime Minister and Cabinet

### What We Do



Community Outreach



Family History Research



Family History Kits



Healing Groups and Camps



Counselling



Reunions

### Outcomes

Stolen Generations survivors are able to:

- Find and reunite with their families
- Access culturally appropriate, trauma-informed healing services
- Heal from past trauma
- Build pride in their culture and community
- Become more resilient
- Experience better social and emotional wellbeing

## OUR MOB

Yorgum has been operating the Link-Up Service for 10 years from bases in Perth, the Pilbara (South Hedland) and the Goldfields region (Kalgoorlie). Our team of caseworkers, counsellors and researchers are passionate about assisting clients on their individual healing journeys. Cheryl Augustsson was involved with Yorgum when it was established and returned to support the organisation first as a counsellor then as the Link-Up Service Manager.

### Cheryl Augustsson (Link-Up Manager)

"I am an Ingaada woman from the Gascoyne region, with family connections to the Wongatha and Nyoongar people on my mother's side. As Link-Up Manager, I sign off on each family history that's completed and gain a huge amount of satisfaction seeing clients reunited with their families, knowing that each and every Yorgum team member has played a crucial role in making this happen. I also love yarning with people at events – it's a privilege to hear people's stories and find out where they're at.



Each Link-Up service around Australia delivers its services in a unique way, but we get to hear what everyone is doing via the Link-Up magazine and sometimes we assist in interstate reunions. It's rewarding and important work. Each member of the Yorgum team brings their unique life experiences and gifts to their work, as well as their qualifications."

### Casey Petersen (Senior Research Officer)

"I have been with Yorgum for nearly 9 years where I research Stolen Generations survivor's family histories. My passion for family histories started as a hobby, but feels like a calling. I love giving clients the depth of family history I would like to receive myself. My own family comes from the Ngaanyatjarra and Wongatha people through my mother's line.

I think everyone has a right to know where they come from. When I take on a family history project, I get really immersed in the research and know the family histories intimately. I use records and maps to search for grave sites, missions, towns and stations of significance. Unfortunately, a lot of records were destroyed by the Government, damaged by mould or fire, restricted or hard to retrieve. Sometimes though, I'm able to discover totems, skin groups and Aboriginal ancestors' names, though that's rarer.



Once the family history is complete, I share the research and journey of discovery with the clients. I give them biographies with photos, any newspaper articles, book excerpts, and a family tree with their direct Aboriginal ancestry. It's exciting when you see clients' faces light up with pride, but it can sometimes be upsetting for them too. Once, I discovered that a client who just had a hunch about their Aboriginal ancestry was descended from the resistance fighter Bobbinett and they couldn't believe it."

## ACTIVITIES

**Our work** involves coordinating reunions, healing camps, healing groups, conducting family research and other cultural events across the state.

**Healing Camps** can be an important part of our clients' healing journeys. They are opportunities to meet other survivors, enjoy time together away from family; yarn and share stories; and take time to listen, think and reflect. We organise cultural awareness and self-care activities, to encourage bonding, cultural knowledge, healing and self-confidence.

*My mind is now  
sound; my body is fine  
and relaxed.*

Women's  
Healing  
Camp



*The reunion alleviated the pain  
and secrecy I felt after discovering  
my grandmother was stolen as a  
child. It allowed me to know more  
about her original family and how  
her resilience came from her life  
before being stolen.*



Men's  
Healing  
Camp

**Reunions** are for our Stolen Generations clients who have been impacted by previous government policies and are individually planned for every client. Priority is given to people who are 1st Generation Stolen, who have chronic health issues and are aging. Link-Up staff are committed to working alongside the client, providing counselling and advocacy to support their healing journey and recovery.



## HIGHLIGHTS



**116**  
Referrals Received



**21**  
Family Histories  
Completed



**81**  
Healing Group  
Attendees



**10**  
Reunions,  
Reconnecting  
38 People



**218**  
Link-Up Clients



**181**  
Family History Kits  
Distributed



**56**  
Healing Camp  
Attendees



**72,280Km**  
Travelled for  
Reunions

### A Special Family Reunion

All reunions are special, however one deserves a specific mention. In January 2019, we helped reunite a client with her two sons, who had previously been unlawfully removed from Australia almost 50 years ago, plus her 3 grandchildren. The reunited family paid their respects to family members who had passed away. They prepared by making wreaths in a grief and loss workshop supported by a counsellor and two caseworkers. During this workshop, clients shared poignant stories, yarned and reflected on their loved ones, whilst listening to pre-selected music in the background. A family barbecue with extended family members wound up the reunion.

The reunion was coordinated by Yorgum Link-Up staff who provided emotional and practical support over the journey. We saw a significant change in our client's body language and demeanor, with her smiling more freely and holding herself in an upright position.

#### Feedback from clients

*Yorgum made us  
aware how important  
we are as family.*

*I feel good and  
happy, my questions  
are answered.*

*I felt a circle around me  
that was fragmented my  
whole life; it is now whole.*



## CLINICAL SERVICES

During the last year, Yorgum took the decision to unbundle its Clinical Services and move Building Solid Families and the Indigenous Family Safety Program to our newly formed Family Support Services area.

The Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Service (CSAT) and Counselling for Aboriginal Children Experiencing Family Violence remains within our specialist Clinical Services and is known as the Indigenous Healing Service. Yorgum continues to provide flower essence therapy as part of our holistic approach to healing, complementing counselling and other therapeutic supports.

The specialist Redress Support Service started up during the last year as an outcome of the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. This new service fits within the Clinical Services area, under our new Clinical Services Manager, Sarah Haythornthwaite who joined the team in April 2019.

### Sarah Haythornthwaite (Clinical Manager)

"I have worked as a clinical psychologist now for over 20 years. At the outset of my career, during clinical prac in the Kimberley region, I started to learn about wellbeing from an Aboriginal perspective. I have always appreciated working in ACCOs like Yorgum because of Aboriginal wisdom about wellbeing that informs our understanding of mental health. People with a non-Aboriginal frame of reference alone look at things through a particular lens and can find it challenging to translate their different worldview into Indigenous practice. It is important that the way we deliver our services, and how we measure outcomes is framed by a cultural perspective of what's important."



### Jindee Simmons (Counsellor and Flower Essence Therapist)

"My father's family are from the Wilmun tribal group of the Nyoongar nation. I have lived my whole life in Perth."

Before joining Yorgum 6 years ago, I completed a degree in Natural Medicine, which introduced me to Flower Essence Therapy: this is an ancient traditional healing discipline amongst Nyoongar people that uses wildflower essences to improve all forms of health and wellbeing. I provide Flower Essence Therapy to Yorgum clients as part of our counselling services and love being able to offer traditional healing to them. I am also a counsellor in the Indigenous Healing Service.

This year, I was trained in Narrative Therapy at the Dulwich Centre. I also benefitted from the We-AI-Li Cultural Informed Trauma Training that reinforced the way we relate to our clients. Another highlight was meeting the Ngunkari Traditional Healers from South Australia who come each year to see our clients."



## INDIGENOUS HEALING SERVICE



### Purpose

Provide culturally secure healing, counselling, therapy and support to help children, young people and adults recover from the harmful impacts of child sexual abuse and/or family and domestic violence, and assist families and communities to support children and young people in their healing process in the Perth metropolitan region.

### Why This Service

Sexual abuse and family domestic violence during childhood causes a range of social, emotional and behavioural impacts that can be significant and long lasting. **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)** like these impact on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. It can cause people to have poorer self-image, relationships and social functioning and cause a range of behavioural problems.

### Who's Involved

#### Participants

Children, young people and adults impacted by child sexual abuse and/or family violence

#### Yorgum Staff

Counsellors

#### Funders



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities

### What We Do



Outreach



Assessment



Counselling



Cultural Healing



Advocacy and Support



Collaboration

### Outcomes

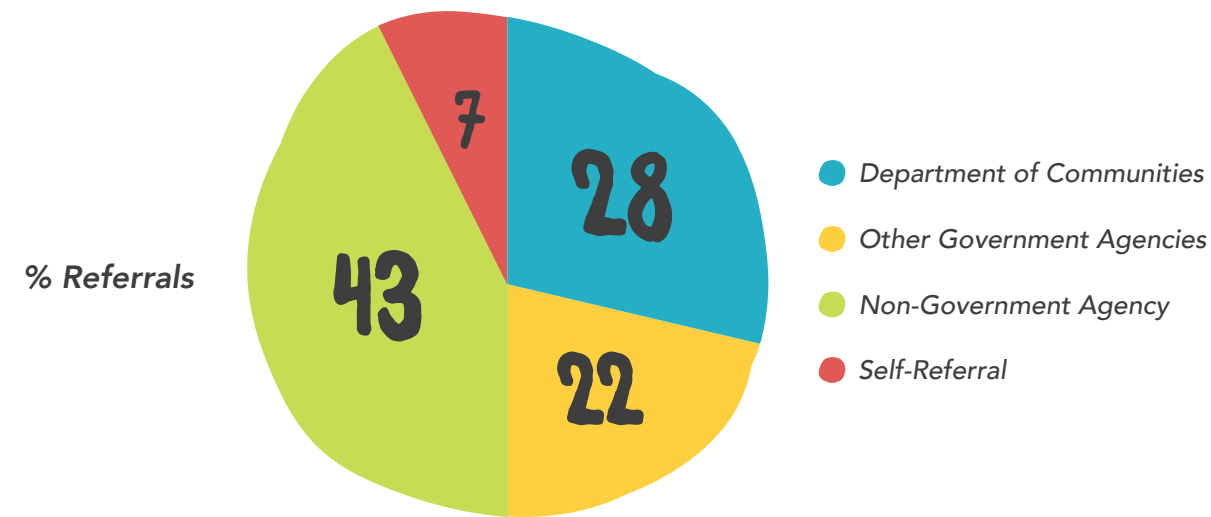
Harmful impacts of child sexual abuse and/or violence are reduced

Children, young people and families/caregivers are better protected from future child sexual abuse and violence

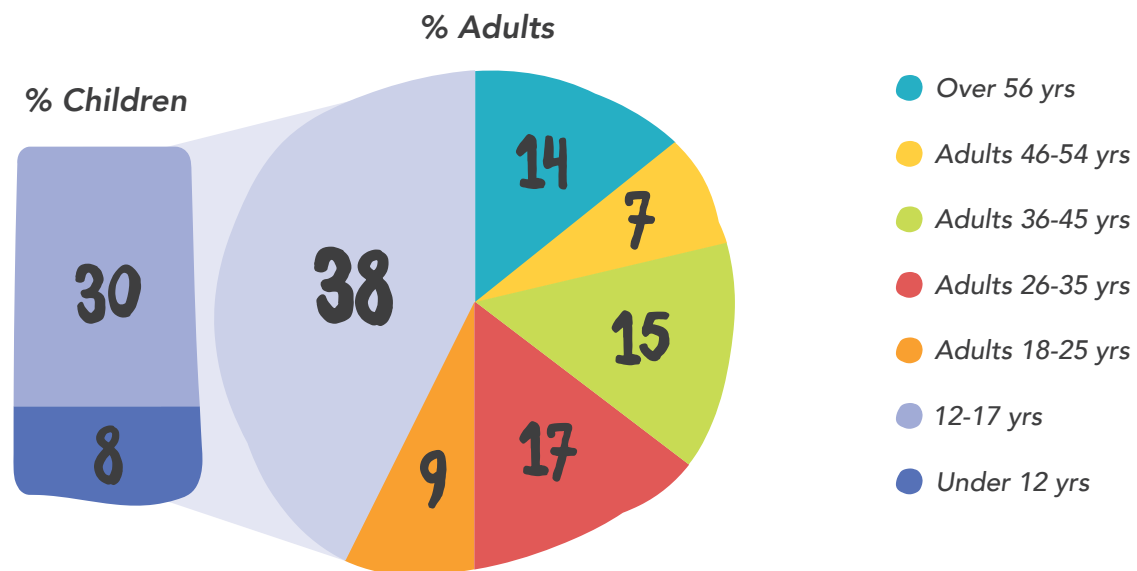
Likelihood of children and young people sexually abusing and/or being violent to other children is reduced

## STATISTICS

Referrals to our Indigenous Healing Service have come from a range of sources:

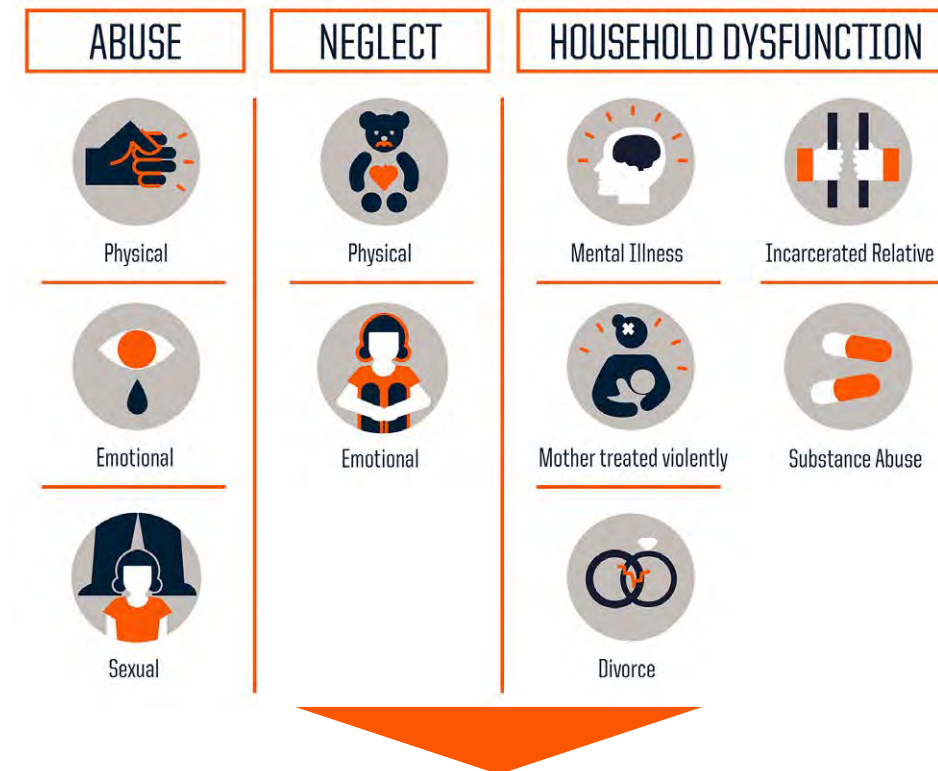


More than half our clients are adults, but the most significant client group is children between 12 and 17 years old, particularly boys.

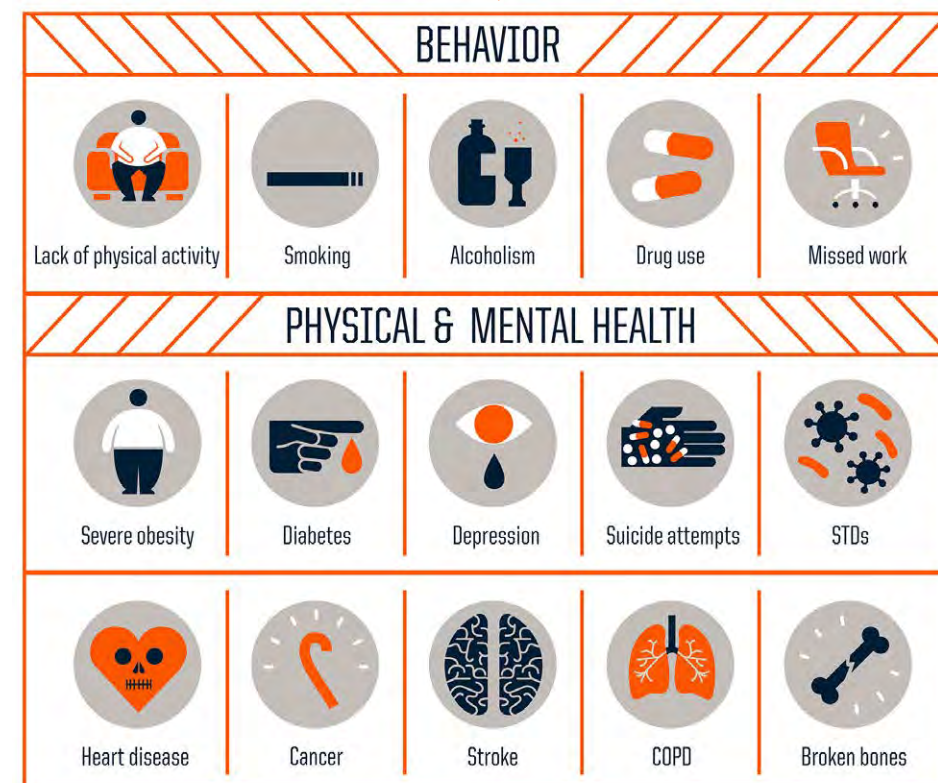


Some of our clients are transient and can disengage from the service due to poverty, homelessness and substance use issues.

## ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES



There are 3 common types of 'Adverse Childhood Experiences' recognised by Harvard University's Center for Disease Control in the USA (abuse, neglect and household dysfunction). Traumatic events such as these can leave a person feeling powerless, overwhelmed, frightened and either harmed or at risk of being harmed (physically, emotionally, mentally or culturally).



The more ACEs a child experiences the more likely these are to affect their behaviour, health and wellbeing, not only as children but as adults. Yorgum's Indigenous Healing Service helps people of all ages recover from these harmful impacts.

Image Credit: Robert Johnson Wood Foundation



## REDRESS SUPPORT SERVICE



### Purpose

Provide timely and seamless access to trauma-informed and culturally appropriate community-based support services for Indigenous Australians in the Perth metropolitan region to engage with the National Redress Scheme (formerly Royal Commission Community-Based Support Services).

### Why This Service

Indigenous Australians who are victims of institutional child sexual abuse require culturally appropriate, trauma-informed support, including emotional and practical support, to access the National Redress Scheme. Many of them do not understand the Scheme's complexities or processes, are ageing and have other health issues for which they require support, and experience great difficulty when discussing their past trauma and reliving the abuse.

### Who's Involved

#### Participants

Indigenous Australians who want support to access the National Redress Scheme

#### Yorgum Staff

Counsellors

#### Funders



### What We Do



Outreach



Information



Application Support



Counselling



Referrals



Collaboration

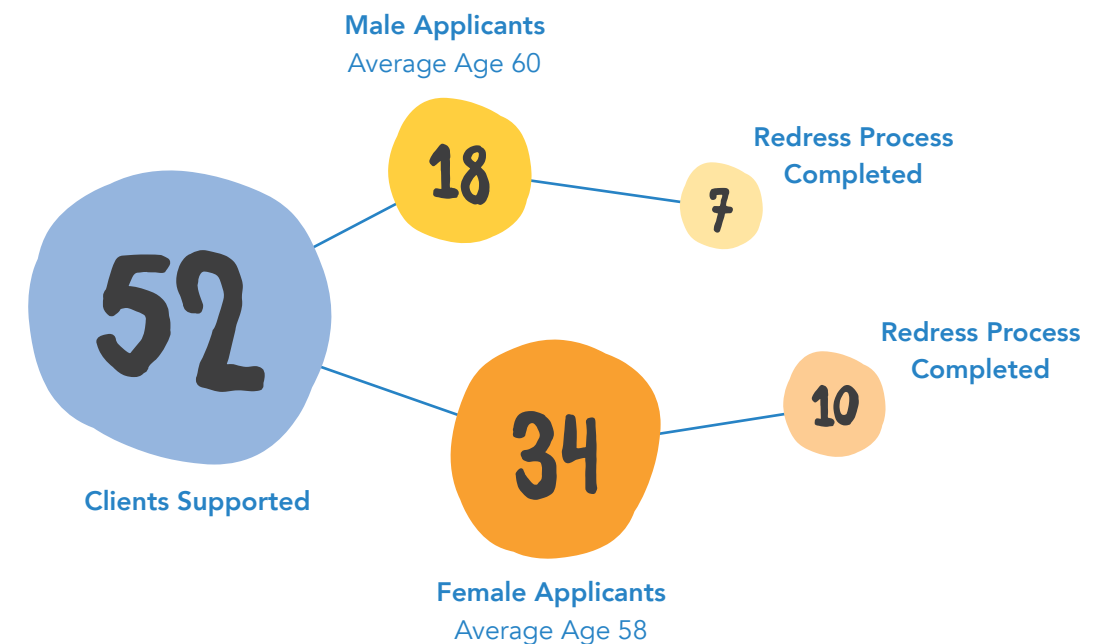
### Outcomes

Harmful impacts of child sexual abuse and/or violence are reduced

Children, young people and families/caregivers are better protected from future child sexual abuse and violence

Likelihood of children and young people sexually abusing and/or being violent to other children is reduced

## REDRESS SUPPORT



The establishment of a **National Redress Scheme** was recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Scheme started on 1 July 2018, and will run for 10 years. The **Redress Support Scheme** has been established to support people before, during and after they apply for redress. Since October 2018 when Yorgum's Redress Support Service started, we have supported over 50 Indigenous clients to access the National Redress Scheme. All people who made submissions to the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse through Yorgum, have continued as our clients to make an application to the National Redress Scheme.

We have provided clients with up-to-date information and guidance on how to access the Scheme, and supported them throughout their application and redress process; this has included ongoing practical and emotional support that is tailored to their specific needs.

It is obviously very difficult for our clients to talk in detail about their past trauma and relive their abuse, so Yorgum takes a slow and gentle approach to building relationships that is person-centred, trauma-informed and culturally sensitive. It may take many months before clients are ready to tell their story and recording this in the 46-page application process takes some time. Yorgum offers counselling support throughout this process and makes warm referrals to legal and financial support when required. We also remain in contact with our clients during their Redress process, which can be lengthy, as evidenced by the number of people still waiting for an outcome. Many of our clients want to access support after the process is completed too, although Redress Support does not cover this.

Sadly Redress Support does not extend to family members living with applicants to the Scheme who may be impacted by the experience of their loved one.

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Being awarded the contract to provide the Intensive Family Support Service in two regional areas of Western Australia, Yorgum created a Family Support Services area that supports Aboriginal families to identify their strengths, build their skills, capabilities and resilience, and heal from detrimental life experiences so they can thrive socially and emotionally.

Family Support Services comprises Building Solid Families, the Indigenous Family Safety Service, the Intensive Family Support Services and Workforce Support Unit. Our new Family Support Services Manager is James Gibson, who joined the team in May 2019.

### James Gibson (Family Support Services Manager)

"I belong to the Magaram Tribe of Mer (Murray Island) in the Eastern Torres Strait. I was born in Queensland but moved to WA as a teenager. I've wanted to help other families since becoming a father myself. My main motivation is to support people to be the best version of themselves they can be, not what I or anyone else says they should be. I love working with my own mob in Aboriginal-run organisations and went into management to ensure that our systems, processes and policies work to the best advantage of the people we are supporting. I believe that helping people build resilience and find their own internal peace is much better than repeated brief interventions – this is very much at the heart of Yorgum's healing services."



### Krystal Westberg (Counsellor)

The Indigenous Family Safety Service involves 3 new group programs that are co-led by Krystal Westberg.



"I am a Balladong Nyoongar woman, raised on Whadjuk Nyoongar country with connections to the Gnaala Karla Booja people. I've been at Yorgum for 2 years now and it's the place I want to be: Yorgum is Yorgum because of the women who started it and I'm passionate about working with the mob. I want to give people a pathway to a better life and if I can support someone in their healing journey, then I feel I've done my job."

I especially love going out to schools. One of the girls I met had been removed from her family and is being raised by an aunty. The school was calling her a 'problem kid', but then it clicked that I'd met her mum at the Kambarang women's group and knowing her mum's story helped me understand her daughter's behaviour. Yorgum's trauma training helped me understand and deal with her behaviour."

## BUILDING SOLID FAMILIES



### Purpose

Provide social and emotional wellbeing (SEWB) services including culturally secure information, support and advice to Aboriginal communities particularly those affected by trauma, grief and loss, mental health challenges and at risk of self-harm in the Perth metropolitan region.

### Why This Service

Indigenous Australians want to build strong families, in accordance with their cultural heritage and community values. Children and their families require information, education, training and support to develop the skills and tools to deal with trauma, grief and loss, mental health challenges and self-harm. Support services need to be culturally secure, trauma informed and focus on healing as well as harm prevention.

### Who's Involved

#### Participants

Indigenous children, their families and communities

#### Yorgum Staff

Counsellors

#### Funders



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

### What We Do



Outreach



Information



Education and Training



Counselling



Advocacy

### Outcomes

Aboriginal people experience good health and wellbeing through a strong network of healthy relationships between their families and the community through:

- Improved knowledge of SEWB
- Improved knowledge of support services



# INDIGENOUS FAMILY SAFETY SERVICE



## Purpose

Provide integrated service to Indigenous families, particularly vulnerable and disadvantaged families, to improve child wellbeing and development, safety and family functioning, and to help build stronger, more resilient families and communities in the Perth metropolitan region.

## Why This Service

Indigenous Australians want to build strong families, in accordance with their cultural heritage and community values. Children and their families require information, education, training and support to develop the skills and tools to deal with challenges such as sexual abuse, family and domestic violence, grief and loss. Support services need to be culturally secure, trauma informed and focus on healing as well as harm prevention.

## Who's Involved

### Participants

Indigenous children, their families and communities

### Yorgum Staff

Counsellors

### Funders



## What We Do



Outreach



Information



Education and Training



Group Support



Advocacy

## Outcomes

Children and their families have more:

- Awareness and intolerance for family violence
- Knowledge, skills tools and supports to address it

Family safety and functioning improves

Child wellbeing and development improves

Families and communities are more resilient

# GROUP PROGRAMS



**Mooditj Leaders** started in February 2019. It is a 10-week school-based program designed and developed in collaboration with Sexual Health Quarters for Aboriginal children 10 - 14 years old, where we talk about relationships and sexual health. Students are selected by the school and there are separate boys' and girls' groups. Our role is to educate students, provide a safe space to talk about sexual health and other difficult topics, help them find their voice and act as a positive role model.



## Feedback from students

*I gradually started to feel more comfortable when I started trusting Miss Krystal. I really enjoyed how we learnt. I felt comfortable to say what I know.*

*At the start I was scared and shame. In the middle of the program I felt more less shame and I was more active in it. I liked when we made the face mask.*

We have worked with Yulebrook Community College and Balga Senior High School so far, but have over 50 schools referring kids to Yorgum. Feedback from the participating students and school staff has been extremely positive.

**Mooditj Wirin**, which means Strong Spirit in Nyoongar, is another group program started by Yorgum that is built on the principles of healing through peer support.

**Kambarang Place** is Ruah's Women's Refuge located in the inner city for single Aboriginal women in crisis who are escaping family and domestic violence, homelessness or experiencing other life crises.

Yorgum established a peer support group at Kambarang in May 2019 in partnership with RUAH. A Yorgum counsellor facilitates the group every 2 weeks and the women co-design the yarning circle, deciding what they want to talk about. Most of the time there is a lot of individual storytelling about struggling with domestic violence.

Yorgum has helped some women recognise the problem behaviours in their partners, and has stimulated conversation about creating safety at home and building healthier relationships. We are also able to recommend pathways to relevant community support services. At the same time, we support the Kambarang Refuge staff to develop culturally appropriate therapies and provide advice when requested.

# INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE



## Purpose

Provide intensive in-home practical support to parents and families who are referred by the Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Support) to enhance the safety of their children so they can remain safe at home and/or support families who are working through a reunification process in the Great Southern and Goldfields regions.

## Why This Service

Aboriginal children are over-represented in Western Australia's Out of Home Care (OOHC) system. 53% are in OOHC despite comprising only 6.7% of the population (Department of Communities Strategy 2016) and over 80% of children in care are Aboriginal. The underlying issues include the effects of colonisation, intergenerational trauma, racism and social determinants of health.

## Who's Involved

### Participants

Children who are at risk of being taken into care and their families

Children and their families who are working through reunification

### Yorgum Staff

Team Leaders  
Caseworkers

### Partner



### Funder



## What We Do



Assessment



Relationship Building



Practical Support



Parenting Advice



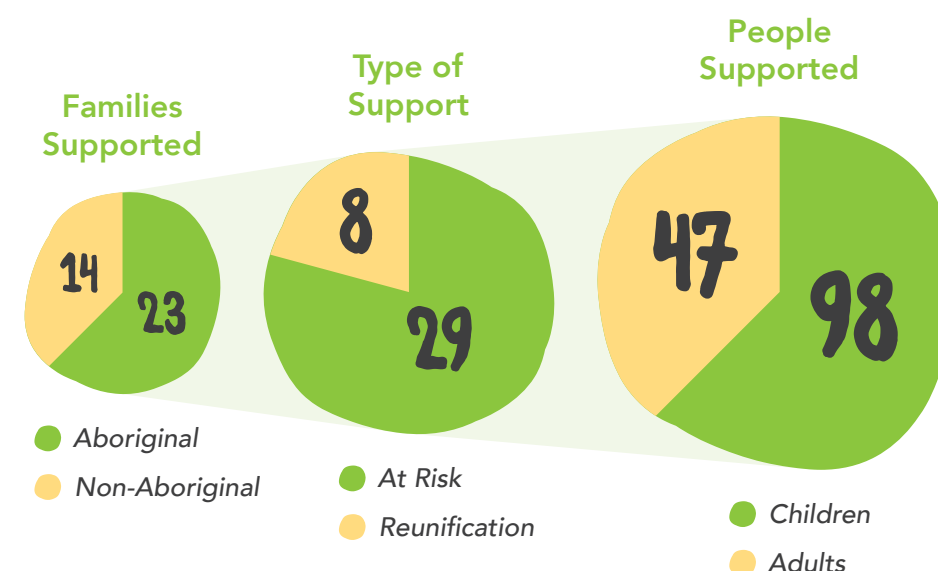
Referrals

## Outcomes

Families are able to:

- Improve their parenting skills to safely care for their children at home
- Develop skills and get their children to school
- Address issues that negatively impact on their children
- Improve and develop culturally safe support networks

# INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT



The Intensive Family Support Service (IFSS) is one of the services developed as part of the State Government's Building Safe and Strong Families: Earlier Intervention and Family Support (EIFS) Strategy. The Strategy aims to divert families away from the child protection system and safely reduce the number of children entering out-of-home care, by helping families:

- Improve parenting skills to safely care for their children at home
- Receive an integrated and coordinated service response to divert them from the child protection system
- Develop and strengthen culturally safe support networks

Yorgum is the lead agency for IFSS in the Great Southern (based in Albany) and the Goldfields (based in Kalgoorlie). Our service delivery is underpinned by Yorgum's Aboriginal Family Worldview model and complemented by a comprehensive Partnership and Support Plan negotiated with our partner Anglicare WA. The Plan is designed to strengthen and support the cultural and professional knowledge and skills base in both organisations to better meet the needs of Aboriginal families.

Since establishing our services in Albany and Kalgoorlie in November 2018, 37 families have been referred to Yorgum for support for 12 months and we have supported almost 150 individual family members. The majority of families are at risk of their children being taken into out of home care. Many families have experienced long-term and serious hardship, are tackling complex challenges and face discrimination within their communities.

We have helped them practically with meal planning, cleaning, getting children to school, communicating with schools and government agencies, attending appointments and offered parenting advice. Where necessary, we have referred families for specialist counselling, parenting services, health and mental health services, and legal or financial advice and support services. More generally, we work to encourage better inter-agency collaboration and communication.



## WORKFORCE SUPPORT UNIT



## HIGHLIGHTS



### Purpose

Provides professional and cultural learning and development support to staff who work in SEWB programs funded by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Our WSU Officers are Perth-based but connect to workers across the State, through teleconferences, email and an annual forum.

### Why This Service

The WSU provides networking, cross-sector relationship building, peer support and professional development opportunities that otherwise would not exist. The network shares its knowledge so practitioners can identify best practice for their own communities.

### Who's Involved

#### Participants

Staff involved in Bringing Them Home, Link-Up, mental health and substance use programs funded by PM&C

#### Yorgum Staff

WSU Officers

#### Funders



### What We Do



Forums



Peer Support



Knowledge Sharing



Professional Development



Self-Care Emails



Teleconferences

### Outcomes

#### SEWB staff:

- Are better connected to and supported by colleagues
- Better informed and more knowledgeable
- Are more resilient

SEWB workforce delivers culturally secure, trauma-informed services

SEWB staff working with Stolen Generations survivors and their families deliver services to diverse communities across Western Australia, including the Pilbara, Midwest, Southwest, Great Southern, Goldfields and Perth metropolitan regions. The WSU network currently comprises of 5 alcohol and other drug services, 2 Aboriginal medical services and 6 SEWB service organisations.

Yorgum's WSU Officers distribute self-care emails to staff in these organisations at least monthly and convene quarterly tele-conferences to encourage networking and mutual support. However, the main event is the annual **WSU Forum** each year. Networking at the Forum enables people to connect and build lasting relationships for mutual support. Knowledge sharing identifies best practice participants could use in their own communities. Professional development activities ensure participants can recognise the impacts of intergenerational trauma in their clients and have the tools and skills to deliver culturally secure services to them.

The theme for this year's forum was **Kwoba Waankaniny** which is the Nyoongar term for 'Good Talking'. The forum involved 31 participants, representing 9 different Aboriginal organisations across Western Australia.

Several elders spoke to our theme of Cultural Awareness and Understanding:

- Nick Abraham – Welcome to Country
- Jim Morrison – Effects of Colonisation
- Di Potter (from Yorgum) – Cultural Renewal
- Viv & Mort Hansen – Bush Medicines and Cultural Healing

As part of our Professional Development, Roy Tester spoke to us about intergenerational trauma and Robyn Willams spoke about Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). We were then treated to Best Practice Stories from all participants, which showcased the many challenges, commitment and passion SEWB workers have in developing diverse, local solutions. Our own SEWB Activities involved mindfulness colouring books, laughter therapy and flower essence therapy, the latter by Yorgum's own Jindee Simmons. The Fremantle Prison Tour helped us to feel how incarcerated people used their time by painting to heal.

Fremantle  
Prison Tour



## Forum Themes

Cultural Awareness and Understanding  
Professional Development  
Best Practice Stories  
SEWB Activities  
Fremantle Prison Tour







## YORGUM EVENTS



### NAIDOC Lunch

The NAIDOC lunch for the homeless people of Perth is an annual event involving all of Yorgum staff. In July 2018, it was held at Perth City Farm in East Perth because it had outgrown our offices in East Perth.

About 100 people living homeless attended the event and we know it is something they looked forward to, as they often feel socially isolated and overlooked.



There is lots of planning involved as we offer our guests a hot meal (roast and desert), entertainment and self-care gifts. Everyone received a winter care package: sleeping bag, blankets, scarves, beanies and rain jackets. Our long-time partner Essentials for Women contributed toiletries and self-care packages. Non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal staff from our first-time partner Woodside Energy participated as enthusiastic volunteers, their contribution forming part of Woodside's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). All Yorgum staff attended the event and spent time yarning with our guests.

There were lots of smiles and clients told us they felt like royalty. The karaoke was a winner, with both staff and clients participating.

### Candlelight Vigil

The Candlelight Vigil was held on 1 May in Harold Boas Gardens for those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic homicide. The event was co-sponsored by the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence WA, Stopping Family Violence and Yorgum.



*Laurel Sellers (CEO), Dion Storey (Corporate Services Manager) and Cheryl Augustsson (Link-Up Manager) attending Candlelight Vigil for domestic homicide*

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

YORGUM ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ABN 37 427 225 301

ICN 1747

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019



**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 339.50 OF THE  
 CORPORATIONS (ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER) ACT 2006 &  
 SECTION 60-40 OF THE CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT  
 2012**

**TO THE DIRECTORS OF  
 YORGUM ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

As lead auditor for the audit of Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2019, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 or the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

**AMW (AUDIT) PTY LTD**

*Anderson Munro & Wyllie*

**ANDERSON MUNRO & WYLLIE**  
 Chartered Accountants

*Martin Shone*

**MARTIN SHONE**  
 Principal  
 Registered Company Auditor

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS  
 OF YORGUM ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation ("the Association") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by Board of Directors.

In our opinion:

The general purpose financial report of Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date;
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements (Including Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007*, The *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*; and
- (iii) The Association has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial report to be prepared and audited; and
- (iv) The Association has kept other records and registers as required by the CATSI Act.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibility* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.





### Emphasis of Matter

Without qualification to the opinion expressed above, attention is drawn to Note 18 j) which explains that the Association is dependent upon continued funding from government agencies in order to be able to continue as a going concern.

### Director's responsibility for the financial report

The Directors of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 and the Corporation's own regulations and rules for such internal control as the Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors' either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report.

The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.



We conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Association to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Association's audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, amongst other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements. We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

*Anderson Munro & Wyllie*

**ANDERSON MUNRO & WYLLIE**

Chartered Accountants

Address: Unit 8, 210 Winton Road, Joondalup, Western Australia

*Martin Shone*

**MARTIN SHONE**

Principal & Registered Company Auditor

Dated at Perth, Western Australia this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019



**YORGUM ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**  
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019**

	NOTE	2019 Actual \$	2018 Actual \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Grants and contributions	2(a)	4,386,776	4,225,808
Interest earnings	2(a)	19,616	484
Other revenue	2(a)	1,077,743	825,591
		<u>5,484,135</u>	<u>5,051,883</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee costs	2(b)	(2,469,973)	(2,512,585)
Depreciation on non-current assets	6(c)	(183,877)	(186,924)
Interest expenses		(1,087)	(706)
Other expenditure		(2,436,151)	(1,915,409)
		<u>(5,091,088)</u>	<u>(4,615,624)</u>
		393,047	436,259
<b>Net result for the period</b>		<b>393,047</b>	<b>436,259</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>		<b>393,047</b>	<b>436,259</b>

**YORGUM ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019**

	NOTE	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,333,015	2,602,773
Trade receivables	4	71,044	22,000
Other current assets	5	165,892	146,518
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>2,569,951</u>	<u>2,771,291</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	4,058,399	4,157,870
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>4,058,399</u>	<u>4,157,870</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>6,628,350</u>	<u>6,929,161</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	583,158	552,819
Contract liabilities (unexpended grants)	13	650,467	1,404,540
Borrowings		12,440	4,604
Employee related provisions	8	147,946	140,616
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,394,011</u>	<u>2,102,579</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings		0	12,440
Employee related provisions	8	27,150	0
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>27,150</u>	<u>12,440</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,421,161</u>	<u>2,115,019</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>5,207,189</u>	<u>4,814,142</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated surplus		3,291,006	2,897,959
Revaluation surplus		1,916,183	1,916,183
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>5,207,189</u>	<u>4,814,142</u>



YORGUM ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

	NOTE	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	REVALUATION SURPLUS	TOTAL EQUITY
		\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2017</b>		<b>2,461,700</b>	<b>1,916,183</b>	<b>4,377,883</b>
Comprehensive income				
Net result for the period		436,259	0	436,259
Total comprehensive income		436,259	0	436,259
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2018</b>		<b>2,897,959</b>	<b>1,916,183</b>	<b>4,814,142</b>
Comprehensive income				
Net result for the period		393,047	0	393,047
Total comprehensive income		393,047	0	393,047
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2019</b>		<b>3,291,006</b>	<b>1,916,183</b>	<b>5,207,189</b>

YORGUM ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

	NOTE	2019 Actual \$	2018 Actual \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Grants and contributions		3,632,703	5,391,474
Interest received		19,616	484
Other revenue		1,061,573	52,276
		4,713,892	5,444,234
<b>Payments</b>			
Suppliers and employees		(4,873,535)	(4,069,291)
Interest expenses		(1,087)	(706)
		(4,874,622)	(4,069,997)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	9	(160,730)	1,374,237
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment		(256,382)	(271,691)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		151,958	195,364
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investment activities</b>		(104,424)	(76,327)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		(4,604)	(2,546)
Proceeds from new borrowings		0	19,590
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>		(4,604)	17,044
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>		(269,758)	1,314,954
Cash at beginning of year		2,602,773	1,287,819
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	9	<b>2,333,015</b>	<b>2,602,773</b>

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDING

None of the important work we do would be possible without funding, and we genuinely appreciate the trust shown in us by our primary funding bodies.



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Indigenous Land Corporation

*Yorgum acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (particularly the 'Whadjuk' people of the Nyoongar Nation) as the Traditional custodians of this country and its waters. We wish to pay respect to elders past and present and extend this to all Aboriginal people.*





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